

REMARKS

The claims have been amended so as to take care of the formal matters correctly identified by the Examiner.

Corresponding changes have also been made in the specification.

Claim 12 has been amended so as to sharpen its definition of the invention relative to the prior art. As now amended, claim 12 points out that the reservoir 40 is disposed between the two sidewalls 18B of the tire, as is recited in page 8, lines 4 and 5 of the specification.

The advantage of this is recited on page 8, lines 12-15, wherein it is pointed out that, in the event of a puncture, the reservoir acts in effect as a spare tire, enabling the punctured tire to retain its shape.

There is nothing like this that we know of in the prior art. In BARABINO, for example, the reservoir is not disposed between the sidewalls of the tire but rather within the rim and so it could not perform this spare tire function.

Reconsideration is accordingly respectfully requested, for the rejection of the claims as anticipated by or unpatentable over BARABINO, alone or in view of any of the other references of record. The BARABINO reference having been overcome by this amendment of claim 12, the secondary references do nothing to overcome shortcomings of BARABINO and so do not improve BARABINO for reference purposes against the claims as now constituted.

In view of the present amendment and the foregoing remarks, therefore, it is believed that this application has been placed in condition for allowance, and reconsideration and allowance are respectfully requested.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized in this, concurrent, and future replies, to charge payment or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 25-0120 for any additional fees required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.16 or under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17.

Respectfully submitted,

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